

## **News from Ed Markey**

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### **MARKEY: NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS SHOULD BE AS PROTECTED AS WHITE HOUSE AND SUPERBOWL E**

#### **Calls for Re-Establishing "No Fly Zones" Around Nation's Nuclear Facilities**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. --**

Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA), a senior Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and sponsor of H.R. 3382, the "Nuclear Security Act," called today to re-establish "no fly zones" around all of the nation's nuclear facilities. The FAA established restrictions for about a week last November which barred aircraft from flying within 10 miles from nuclear power plants, but more recently has downgraded them to a lower-level warning to aviators to avoid flying near nuclear plants.

"The same level of security that protects the White House and will protect the Superbowl should be implemented at all nuclear power plants," said Representative Markey. He added, "We're going to have a 'no fly zone' over the Superdome, but right now we don't have 'no fly zones' over all of our nuclear containment domes."

Rep. Markey continued, "A terrorist attack on the White House would radiate terror throughout the country and the world, but a terrorist attack on any nuclear power plant would spread radiation to thousands of Americans and instill fear in the lives of all Americans."

"The White House has a no-fly zone; and it has a qualified and ample federal security detail. This weekend, the federal government is establishing unprecedented federal security measures at the Superbowl in New Orleans, including creation of a 'no fly zone.' In contrast, the FAA has revoked the firm 'no fly zone' it ordered around a ten-mile radius of nuclear power plants. It's time to re-establish these restrictions."

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